Incineration plant to be set up in Baba Bhit

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI, Jan 1: The District Municipal Corporation, West, will set up an incineration plant in Baba Bhit Islands for garbage burning.

The plant will start functioning before the end of the current fiscal year.

At present, the islands have no garbage collection system. Residents either dump garbage into the sea or let it litter the streets and roads.

An incineration plant for burning garbage was proposed in the past, but it never materialised. However, recently the DMC-West had given a go-ahead signal on the proposal.

During a visit to the Islands, Mohammad Omer Khan, administrator of the DMC-West, said the project had been approved and would be implemented soon.

He also inspected the project site and directed the official to expedite the work and remove all bottlenecks in this connection.

In Baba Bhit 20,000 people live, most of them fishermen who have been complaining of water scarcity, chocked sewerage system and absence of medical facilities.

The administrator took a round of the islands to know about the civic problems.

He also inspected the under-construction water storage tank, jetty and a DMC dispensary.

Taking a serious note of the insanitation, particularly in Bhit Island, the administrator directed the officials concerned to take urgent steps for the cleaning of chocked sewers.

Later, speaking at a function in Bhit Island, the administrator assured the people that steps would be taken to provide better civic facilities.

Area MPA Humayun Mohammad Khan, who is also chairman of the Fishermen Cooperative Society, said he would take up the issue of foreign trawlers and construction of a jetty to the authorities concerned.

He assured the people that being a representative of fishermen he would fully safeguard their rights.

Also present on the occasion were MC Nazir Ahmed Bhutto and other DMC officials.

Earlier, Dr Yousuf, a social worker, in his speech highlighted the problems being faced by the people of the islands.